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DEPT FOR EUR/NE MRS. SHIRLEY; FRANKFURT FOR INS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, PINS, PINR, OCON, BE

SUBJECT: BELGIAN CONCERNS RE EX-SOVIET JEWS IN BELGIUM

REF: BRUSSELS 00859.

SUMMARY: BELGIAN GOVERNMENT EXPRESSES ITS CONCERN  
OVER U.S. SELECTION OF CANDIDATES UNDER USRP AND WILL  
REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEE MATTERS (R. VAN DYCK AND J. DESY) TOLD US JAN. 28 THAT BELGIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH HIGHEST LEVELS OF DEPARTMENT TO ASK DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING MATTER OF EX-SOVIET JEWS NOW IN BELGIUM. BELGIANS BELIEVE THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 350 SUCH PERSONS NOW IN TECHNICALLY ILLEGAL STATUS HERE ALL OF WHOM ARE PRE-OCTOBER 15 ARRIVALS.

2. BELGIAN CONCERN IS CLEARLY FOCUSED ON WHAT APPEARS TO THEM TO BE A CHANGE IN INS'S APPLICATION OF ITS OBJECTIVE SELECTION CRITERIA FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY TO US UNDER PROVISIONS OF USRP. THEY TOLD US THAT OUT OF 630 EXAMINED BY INS IN PREVIOUS VISITS TO BRUSSELS 80 WERE REJECTED AND 550 WERE ACCEPTED (ALL FIGURES APPROXIMATE). THEY ARE AWARE THAT RESULT OF WEEK OF DECEMBER 15, 1975 SELECTION WAS 39 APPROVALS BUT 56 REFUSALS. BELGIANS BELIEVE THAT QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONS EXAMINED IN DECEMBER 1975 WERE SIMILAR TO THOSE PREVIOUSLY EXAMINED AND ARE SERIOUSLY CONCERNED THAT THE CHANGE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE ACCEPTED INDICATES A CHANGE IN INS POLICY. LOOKING TOWARDS REMAINING 350, THEY ARE WORRIED THAT SAME PERCENTAGE OF REFUSALS MIGHT BE APPLIED.

3. IMMEDIATE BELGIAN CONCERN, AND REASON FOR BELGIAN EMBASSY DEMARCHE, IS POSSIBLE SECURITY PROBLEMS OR EMBARRASSMENT TO BOTH BELGIAN AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS THAT PERSONS REFUSED BY INS OR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR ENTRY TO U.S. UNDER USRP MAY CREATE AT FEBRUARY 17-19 BRUSSELS CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY (REFTEL). IN THIS RESPECT, OFFICIAL BELGIAN THINKING IS SIMILAR TO THAT OF CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS.

4. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS ALSO INFORMED US THAT THE WHOLE QUESTION OF SECURITY FOR CONFERENCE, AT SITE OF MEETINGS AND AT HOTELS WHERE PARTICIPANTS WOULD STAY, AND FROM POSSIBLE DEMONSTRATION AND TERRORIST POINTS OF VIEW, WAS FULLY PREOCCUPYING BELGIAN SECURITY  
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SERVICES. WE EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN ADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS WHO MIGHT ATTEND THIS PRIVATELY-ORGANIZED CONFERENCE. FIRESTONE

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